PLACER LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

E. Howard Rudd, Chair (Public); Gray Allen (District); Donna Barkle (City); Jim Holmes (County); Ron Treabess (District); Miguel Ucovich (City); Robert Weygandt, Vice-Chair (County)

REGULAR HEARING AGENDA June 12, 2013--4:00 p.m. Board of Supervisors' Chambers County Administrative Building 175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603

- 1. Flag Salute
- 2. Call to Order and Roll Call
- 3. Approval of Agenda (Action item)
- 4. Public Comment

This is the time when persons may address the Commission on items not on the agenda. Please limit comments to three (3) minutes as the Commission is not permitted to take any action on items presented as public comment.

- 5. Approval of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Final Budget (Action Item): The Commission will be presented with the final budget for FY 2013-2014, asked to approve the final budget and provide staff direction as to any desired changes for the final budget and proposed work plan. (Action Item)
- 6. Comment letter to Nevada County LAFCO: Regarding Truckee Donner Public Utility District Sphere of Influence. The Commission will be asked to review project materials and prepare a comment letter at the July 10, 2013 Commission to Nevada LAFCO regarding the proposed Sphere of Influence for the Truckee Donner Public Utility District.
- 7. Executive Officer Reports

CALAFCO Legislative Committee CALAFCO conference fall 2013 Proposal Status Incorporation process update LAFCO Policy Review LAFCO fee structure Review Upcoming Hearing Dates

- 8. Nominations to seek office on the CALAFCO Board of Directors.
- 9. Commissioner Reports
- 10. Adjournment

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STAFF REPORT

DATE:

June 6, 2013

TO:

Chairman Rudd, Commissioners Allen, Barkle, Holmes, Treabess, Ucovich,

Weygandt. Alternate Commissioners Duran, Gray, Sheehan.

FROM:

Kris Berry, AICP, Executive Officer

SUBJECT:

Approval of Final Budget and Work Plan for fiscal year 2013-2014.

A. RECOMMENDATION

- 1) Approval of the final budget for the fiscal year 2013-2014, attached as Exhibit "A," and
- 2) Receive the proposed work plan for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 as Exhibit "B."

B. BACKGROUND

The Commission is required to adopt a final budget by June 15th of each year. The Commission considered the proposed budget at the April 10, 2013 Commission meeting. Since that meeting, staff has refined the budget, reducing the original proposed budget from \$497,490.00 to \$484,193.40. The budget before you today is essentially the same budget, with minor modifications made to several expense categories. In addition, the final budget was prepared almost two months after the proposed budget, allowing closer estimates of total expenses to date for the fiscal year, allowing further refinements of the budgeting needs for next year and the carryover amount from this year to next year.

In our previous distributed proposed budget for the April 10, 2013 Commission meeting, we indicated that we would once again be utilizing the treasurer funds to supplement the budget, thereby reducing the required funding from the contributing agencies. Upon further review after the initial preparation, and reduction of the overall budget, we have recommended a reduction in the amount of funding from the treasury, from the original recommendation of \$215,995.00 to \$161.556.77. The original recommended funding from the contributing agencies is the same amount originally recommended of \$215,995.00. This was accomplished by reduction in budget, increase in estimated carryover, and increase in anticipated revenues.

Under AB 2838, the cost of LAFCO became a shared responsibility of the county, the cities, and the special districts. After adoption of the budget, the net operating expense of the Commission is divided as follows: one-third to the County, one-third to the Cities and one-third to the Special Districts. The City share is apportioned in proportion to each City's total revenues. The Special District share is apportioned according to each district's revenues. Government Code section 56381 provides that, at a minimum, the proposed and final budget shall be equal to the budget adopted for the previous fiscal year unless the Commission finds that reduced staffing or program costs will nevertheless allow the Commission to fulfill its statutory purposes and programs.

For several years, the Commission has chosen to fund portions of 2838 funding requirements from LAFCO Treasury reserves. This year, we are recommending continuing to use these funds to offset costs to the funding agencies. The budget is proposing a total of \$161,556.77 of the treasury account to be used. The remaining portions of the budget are funded by the agencies, carryover from the current year, application fees and interest.

A copy of the proposed final budget has been forwarded to the County and each of the Cities and the Special Districts. The final budget must be adopted by June 15.

A proposed work plan is also attached as Exhibit "B."

Proposal Related Tasks

1. Squaw Valley/Alpine Meadows Incorporation

Process petitions, fiscal analysis, public outreach, environmental review

2. Annexation applications

Lincoln - Village 7
Lincoln - Village 1
City of Auburn – Meyer
Auburn Cemetery District
PCWA/Northstar
Other unknown

- 3. Participation in preapplication phases for potential large scale proposals
- 4. Ongoing review and comments of environmental documents from various agencies
- 5. Finalizing approved applications

LAFCO Administration

- 1. Outreach to the public and other agencies
- 2. Review and Coordinate potential GIS systems. Review requirements for computer upgrades and start up requirements
- 3. Review and update current Placer LAFCO Policies, including Conflict of Interest requirements and Incorporation Policies
- 4. Preparation of yearly budget
- 5. Review of Lease rental options
- 6. Continue work with CALAFCO Legislative Committee
- 7. Work with CALAFCO planning committee for the 2013 Conference (Placer LAFCO host at Resort at Squaw Creek)
- 8. Review of LAFCO application forms
- Review of LAFCO fees
- 10. Electronic scanning of LAFCO files for storage

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LAFCO FY 2013-14 FINAL BUDGET TITLE	2012-2013 FINAL BUDGET	2012-2013 Expenditures YTD June 4	2012-2013 Est yr end	2013-2014 PROPOSED BUDGET	2013-2014 Reserves
2310 Retiree Health	7,000.00	9,402.00		12,430.00	
1002 Salaries/Wages	183,000.00	149,711.31	163,843.53	174,025.00	3,000.00
1005 Overtime	-	463.41	600.00	2,000.00	
1010 Cafeteria Plans		2,184.08	3,000.00	3,563.00	
1300 P.E.R.S.	49,000.00	37,202.20	42,500.00	48,530.00	
1303 Post Employment benefits	14,024.00	12,861.74	14,024.00	14,930.00	32,700.00
1301 F.I.C.A.	13,077.00	10,952.80	12,500.00	13,770.00	1,500.00
1310 Employee Group Ins. + Personnel Costs	13,995.00	12,187.95	13,995.00	15,210.00	
1315 Workers Comp Insurance	400.00	211.05	260.00	400.00	
1325 401(k) Employer Match	750.00	637.50	750.00	750.00	
SUBTOTAL: SALARIES & BENEFITS	281,246.00	235,814.04	251,472.53	285,608.00	37,200.00
2000 Outside Agency Pass Through Fees	1,500.00	57.00	57.00	1,000.00	
2051 Communications	2,800.00	2,510.30	2,800.00	2,800.00	
2052 E.O. Cell Phone	900.00	767.83	850.00	850.00	
2140 Liability Ins./Comm. Workers Comp.	2,500.00	2,110.40	2,110.40	2,110.40	
2291 Computer Maintenance			-		
2408 Auditor Fees	2,000.00	1,610.26	2,000.00	2,000.00	
2439 Membership Dues	3,000.00	2,878.00	2,878.00	2,878.00	
2456 GIS Mapping		<u>-</u>			
2481 PC Acquisition	1,600.00	1,306.91	1,306.91		
2500 MSR/Sphere Updates	40,000.00	8,202.50	13,000.00	80,000.00	
2510 PC Upgrades	500.00	-	-	2 222 22	
2511 Printing/copy machine/interoffice mail	3,500.00	1,221.05	1,500.00	2,500.00	<u> </u>
2523 Office Supplies & Exp	2,000.00	1,067.56	1,400.00	2,000.00	
2524 Postage	3,000.00	1,747.30	2,200.00	2,500.00	
2528 Outside Audit Costs 2554 Commissioner Fees	9,600.00	3,700.00	4,500.00	0.600.00	
2555 Legal/Consultants	20,000.00	7,236.00	12,000.00	9,600.00 20,000.00	
2556 County Services	466.00	1,230.00	466.00	20,000.00	
2568 Data and System access charges	6,679.00	6,121.86	6,679.00	6,613.00	
2701 Legal Notices/Publications	3,500.00	1,672.85	1,800.00	2,500.00	
2709 Software Charges (IPPS)	300.00	466.00	466.00	466.00	
2727 Office Rent + Utilities	30,000.00	23,280.78	28,000.00	29,000.00	
2844 Training	1,000.00	650.00	650.00	1,000.00	
2865 IT-MIS Services	-	-	-	.,,	
2931 Staff Travel & Transportation	3,500.00	3,056.31	3,500.00	3,500.00	
2933 Lodging	200.00	•			
2939 Commissioner Travel	5,000.00	5,450.60	5,800.00	11,000.00	
2941 County Vehicles	500.00	513.00	513.00	500.00	
2964 Meals	1,000.00				
3551 A-87 Costs	33,333.00	14,376.00	33,333.00	15,768.00	
5600 General Operating Contingency	<u>-</u>	-	-		70,000.00
SUBTOTAL: OPERATING COSTS	178,378.00	90,002.51	127,809.31	198,585.40	
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS:	459,624.00	325,816.55	379,281.84	484,193.40	
	2012-2013	2012-2013	2012-2013	2013-2014	
REVENUE: TITLE	FINAL Budget	Actual YTD 4-Jun	Year end Projected	ESTIMATED REVENUE	
6950 Interest	14,000.00	8,416.94	9,000.00	10,000.00	
8193 Outside Agency Pass Through Fees					
7234 State Aid-Mandated Costs					
8212 General Reimbursement	100.00	28.00	28.00		
8216 AB283ξ Allocated Amount	164,050.00	164,100.37	164,100.37	215,995.00	
8239 Application Fees	15,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00	
8782 Applicant Funded Consultant Fees	000 000 00		000 000 00	474 224 22	
Partial Treasury funding	200,000.00	400 545 04	200,000.00	161,556.77	
TOTAL REVENUE CARRYOVER from previous year	393,150.00 66,620.00	182,545.31		76,641.63	
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	700,170.00		300,120.07		
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STAFF REPORT

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June 6, 2013

TO:

Chairman Rudd, Commissioners Allen, Barkle, Holmes, Treabess, Ucovich,

Weygandt. Alternate Commissioners Duran, Gray, Sheehan.

FROM:

Kris Berry, AICP, Executive Officer

SUBJECT:

Request for Comments regarding the Truckee Donner Public Utility District

Sphere of Influence

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission review the proposed Sphere of Influence for the Truckee Donner Public Utility District and provide a recommendation for a Sphere of Influence to Nevada LAFCO at the July 10, 2013 Placer Commission meeting.

SUMMARY

Truckee Donner Public Utility District (TDPUD) is a multifunction district providing water and electricity in the Truckee area, serving both Nevada County and Placer County. Nevada LAFCO is considered the Principal County for the District. Nevada LAFCO is currently in the process of updating the Sphere of Influence for the District. Nevada LAFCO has requested that Placer LAFCO make a recommendation for the appropriate sphere for each service for the territory.

B. BACKGROUND

Nevada LAFCO is in the process of preparing a Final Environmental Impact Report for the Truckee Donner Public Utility District Sphere of Influence Update. The District provides water and electrical service to the Truckee community, including most of the Territory within the Town boundaries and adjacent areas in both Nevada and Placer Counties.

Nevada LAFCO has consulted Placer LAFCO throughout the process of preparing the Municipal Service Review, recommended sphere boundaries and preparation of the Environmental Impact Report. The Nevada-Placer Ad Hoc committee has met several times, as recently as June 5, 2013. Our Commission previously heard presentations by both

Truckee Donner Public Utility District and Liberty Energy at the November 9, 2011 Commission meeting, with background information presented (the staff report from that meeting, along with Nevada LAFCO's Staff Report from their March 21, 2013 Workshop meeting, and other general correspondence has been included with this report for general background information).

A Draft Environmental Impact Report has been prepared for the sphere of influence. It has been included in the packet, along with other background information on a CD. The Final Environmental Impact Report will be forwarded when received.

Additional information will be provided in the staff report for the July 10, 2014 Commission hearing. The attached information, along with included CD, summarizes the project history to date.

Attachments:

Nevada LAFCO Workshop report, March 21, 2013 (with proposed sphere maps)
Placer LAFCO staff Report November 9, 2011
Nevada LAFCO letter March 12, 2013
Nevada LAFCO letter November 23, 2011
Placer LAFCO letter July 11, 2011
Placer County letter July 13, 2011
NCSD letters of March 7, 2013, August 30, 2011, July 20, 2011
Northstar Property Owners Association letter of September 8, 2011
PCWA letters of September 30, 2011, July 14, 2011, June 29, 2011

CD attached with Packet only
Draft EIR for TDPUD SOI update
Nevada LAFCO Executive Officers report
TDPUD Preferred Sphere of Influence – May 2012
Updated Public Review Draft SOI Plan Update

Nevada Local Agency Formation Commission

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Phone 530 265-7180 or 888-846-7180 ... Fax 530 265-9862

Date:

March 21, 2013

To:

LAFCo Commissioners

From:

SR Jones, Executive Officer

Subject:

Truckee Donner Public Utility District Sphere of Influence Update Draft Environmental

Impact Report - Presentation

Summary

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the update of the Truckee Donner Public Utility District Sphere of Influence has been released for the 45-day public review period. At this time, the Commission is asked to review the DEIR, consider any public (and agency) comments on the adequacy of the document, and provide direction as to the completion of the EIR and the sphere update process.

The Draft EIR has been prepared by LAFCo's consultant, Pacific Municipal Consultants (PMC). The document analyzes two potential sphere of influence boundaries: the LAFCo-recommended sphere of influence (Attachment 1) and the District-preferred sphere of influence (Attachments 2(a) and 2(b)). Truckee Donner Public Utility District has provided proportional funding for the EIR to support the expanded analysis of the District's preferred alternative.

The Draft EIR is included herein (Attachment 3), along with LAFCo's Public Review Draft of the Sphere of Influence Update (dated July 21, 2011) (Attachment 4), and TDPUD's report supporting its Preferred Sphere of Influence (May 2012) (Attachment 5). The enclosed CD (Attachment 6) also contains the DEIR and the complete set of DEIR Appendices, as well as electronic versions of the LAFCo and TDPUD reports. The DEIR and supporting documents have been posted on the Commission's website and distributed to responsible agencies and interested individuals and agencies. The consultant will be presenting the DEIR to the Truckee Donner Public Utility District Board of Directors on March 6.

Background

The Truckee Donner Public Utility District (TDPUD) provides water and electrical service to the Truckee community, including most of the territory within the Town boundaries and adjacent areas in both Nevada and Placer Counties.

The Commission originally adopted a sphere of influence for the TDPUD in 1983 which included territory in Nevada and Placer Counties. Note that the Commission's 1983 sphere determination specifically limited electrical service to the district's boundaries within Nevada County. In 1998, the Commission updated the Nevada County portion of the District's sphere. At the request of Placer County, the Commission deferred action on the Placer County portion while the Martis Valley Community Plan was being prepared. In 2002, the District's sphere was amended to include territory that had been served by the Glenshire Mutual Water Company, the District and the Mutual Water Company having agreed that TDPUD would purchase the water company's system and serve the company's customers. The District's proposal to annex the Glenshire area was approved by the Commission.

In 2005, Nevada LAFCo completed a Municipal Service Review of water services for Eastern Nevada County, which addressed water service provided by TDPUD. The current draft Sphere Plan Update includes updates to the determinations adopted in the MSR.

Effective July 1, 2012, LAFCo law was amended to modify the required MSR determinations. Specifically, MSRs must now include information relative to Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (the location of any such communities, and the present and planned capacity of public facilities for sewer, water and fire protection to serve Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities that are within or adjacent to the sphere of influence). However, since the TDPUD sphere of influence update was initiated well before the effective date of the new MSR requirements, the current draft Sphere Plan Update is not subject to the new provisions.

Sphere Boundary

The "LAFCo-Recommended" sphere boundary option includes lands north and east of the current district boundaries which are within or adjacent to the boundaries of the Town of Truckee, as well as the Hobart Mills Planned Development Area several miles north of the Town. It also includes lands in Placer County that the District has recently annexed (the annexation was processed and approved by Placer LAFCo). Note that the sphere designates distinct service areas for water and sewer.

The "District-Preferred" option also designates distinct service areas for each of the District's services. The District seeks to retain territory in its water sphere that were included in the sphere of influence as updated by the Commission in 1998, including Nevada County lands to the north, east and west of the District's current boundaries; the District also seeks to include the lands in Placer County that were included in the sphere adopted by LAFCo in 1983. For electrical service, the District is requesting that the Commission expand the District's sphere to include the lands currently within the Northstar Community Service District, and additional territory to the north of the District, including lands in Nevada and Sierra Counties.

Process

At today's workshop, the consultant and LAFCo staff will present the DEIR and respond to the Commission's questions. Following the conclusion of the 45-day public review period for the DEIR, PMC will begin preparation of the Final EIR (FEIR), as well as CEQA findings.

As with the DEIR, an independent peer review of the legal adequacy of the FEIR will be conducted by Rick Jarvis of the law firm Jarvis, Fay, Doporto and Gibson.

Following the preparation and circulation of the FEIR, the Commission may take action on the sphere of influence update by certifying the environmental document and adopting the sphere of influence update.

cc: Michael Holley, TSD General Manager

Kris Berry, Placer LAFCo Executive Officer (via e-mail)

Tony Lashbrook, Town Administrator (via e-mail)

David Boesch, Placer County CEO (via e-mail)

Rick Haffey, Nevada County CEO (via e-mail)

Tim Beals, Sierra County Community Development Director (via e-mail)

¹ Map showing LAFCo Recommended Sphere Boundaries

^{2 (}a) & 2 (b) Maps showing TDPUD Preferred Sphere Boundaries

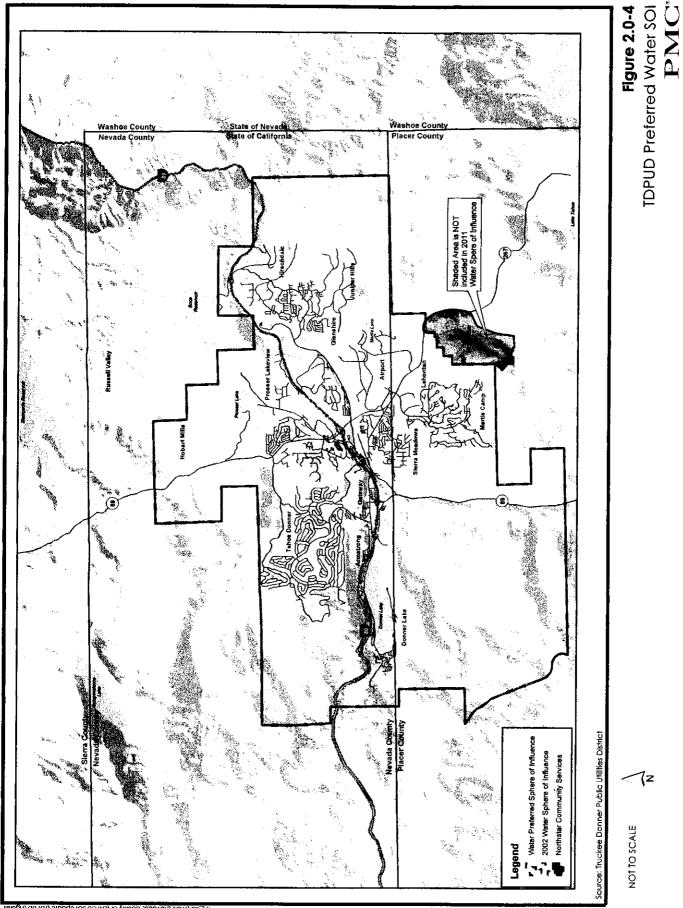
³ Draft EIR Truckee Donner Public Utility District Sphere of Influence Update

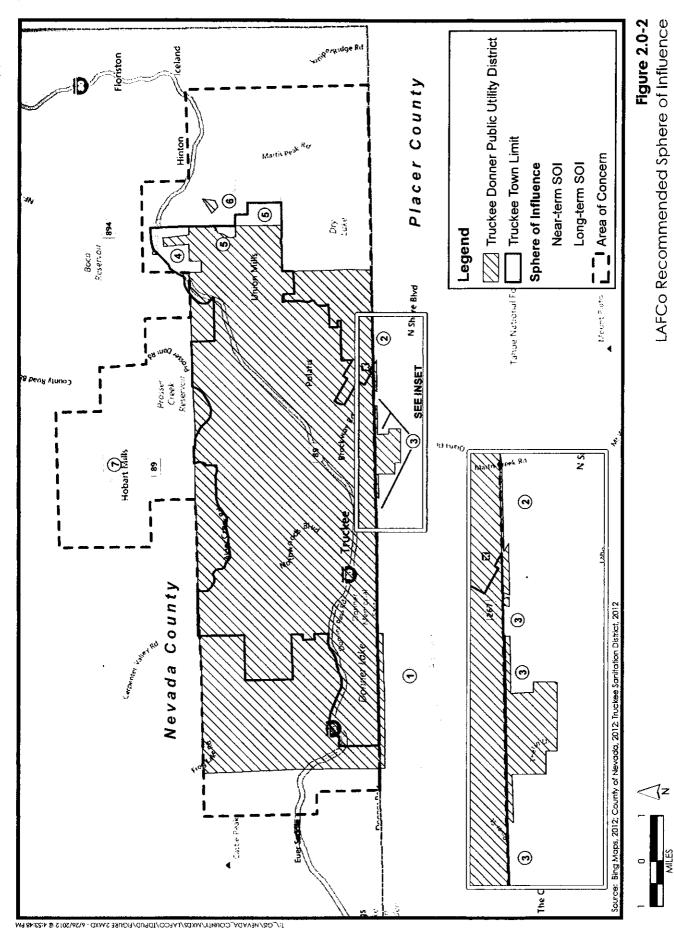
⁴ LAFCo Public Review Draft SOI Update TDPUD

⁵ TDPUD Report to the Nevada LAFCo, (May 2012)

⁶ CD containing Attachments 3, 4, and 5

TDPUD Preferred Electric SOI **PMC**





ATTACHMENT 1

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STAFF REPORT

DATE:

November 1, 2011

TO:

Chairman Treabess, Commissioners Allen, Alpine, Garcia, Holmes, Rudd, Weygandt. Alternate Commissioners Duran, Gray, Schumacher, Ucovich.

FROM:

Kris Berry, AICP, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Presentation by Truckee Donner Public Utility District and Liberty Energy.

SUMMARY

Truckee Donner Public Utility District (TDPUD) is a multifunction district providing water and electricity over a 44 square mile are in the Truckee area, serving both Nevada County and Placer County. Nevada LAFCO is considered the Principal County for this District, and is in the process of preparing a Municipal Service Review and sphere studies for updating their sphere's of Influence. A sizeable portion of the current sphere (Exhibit 1) is in Placer County, and Nevada County LAFCO has worked at length to keep Placer LAFCO included in this process.

DISCUSSION AND ANLYSIS

TDPUD's service areas include most of the Town of Truckee as well as some territory in Placer County, including a small subdivision (Ponderosa Palisades) and collection of homes on the south side of Donner Lake. The District's electrical service area is smaller than its water service area and includes few parcels in Placer County. The TDPUD electrical service area is surrounded by Liberty Energy, which has been designated by the California PUC as the exclusive electrical provider for the region, including most of the Martis Valley in Placer County. Water service in that portion of the Martis Valley is provided by PCWA or Northstar CSD.

The Nevada LAFCO Sphere Update Process for TDPUD so far has included the following steps:

TDPUD's sphere of influence was initially adopted by Nevada LAFCO in 1983, and was last updated in 1998. In 1983, "sphere of influence" was defined by Cortese Knox as the "ultimate boundary and service area of an agency," and there were no provisions for a multi-service agency sphere to include a different sphere for each service. Current law defines a sphere as the "probable boundaries and service area."

- Nevada LAFCO contracted with Brandman and Associates to prepare the sphere
 update document. The consultant recommended separate spheres for each of the
 District's two services (Exhibit 2) which were reduced from the area included in the
 1983 sphere in consideration of the fact that most of the territory in the 1983 sphere is
 now served by other providers (Liberty Power and PCWA for water).
- Consultant's preliminary administrative draft was provided to District staff in April for review of data accuracy. Corrections to data were made to the draft in response to the TDPUD's comments (the District's policy-related comments were referred to the Commission).
- The Administrative Draft was reviewed by the Commission in May in a workshop setting. At the workshop, TDPUD asked the Commission to consider retaining the 1983 sphere territory in the sphere, and also requested the Commission consider expanding the District's sphere to include the territory within Northstar CSD and territory in Sierra County in the electrical sphere.
- Commission invited the District to prepare a "Preferred Sphere of Influence" map and documentation for circulation to interested agencies and parties in Placer and Sierra counties, including Placer LAFCO, Placer County, PCWA, NCSD, Liberty Energy, Sierra County, etc. These agencies were asked to provide comments to the Commission.
- Comments were received from Sierra County, Placer County, PCWA, Placer LAFCO, Northstar Community Services District and Liberty Energy (Exhibit 3). Each was in support of the LAFCO consultant's recommendations (to reduce the sphere for either water or electrical or both).
- Nevada LAFCO Commission then directed staff to begin preparation of a CEQA document based on the sphere of influence recommended by the consultant.
- Prior to completion of the CEQA analysis, the District initiated litigation against Nevada LAFCO over the CEQA document for another District's sphere of influence update (i.e., TSD. Note that TSD has not taken a position in support of the suit at this time).
- At this time, Nevada LAFCO staff is in the process of preparing the CEQA document for the TDPUD sphere.

Following the completion of an environmental document, the Commission hopes to proceed with the update. However, because the "area of conflict" (between LAFCO and TDPUD's positions) is primarily located in Placer County, Nevada LAFCO is seeking to involve the Placer LAFCO in the process to ensure the final sphere update for TDPUD is consistent with Placer LAFCO's policies and goals for the area.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 Map of current sphere of influence Exhibit 2 Map of proposed sphere of influence

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Ms. Kris Berry, Executive Officer Placer LAFCo 145 Fulweiler Ave., Suite 110 Auburn, CA 95603

Re: Sphere of Influence Update - Truckee Donner Public Utility District

Dear Ms. Berry

As you will recall, Nevada LAFCo is engaged in the process of updating the sphere of influence for the Truckee Donner Public Utility District. In recognition of the Agreement between our two agencies (for coordination on cross-county proposals), Nevada LAFCo is committed to providing Placer LAFCo the opportunity to participate in the sphere update process. To this end, in November of 2011, the enclosed letter was forwarded from Mr. Hank Weston, Chair of Nevada LAFCo, to Mr. Ron Treabass, then Chair of Placer LAFCo. The letter encourages Placer LAFCo's participation in the sphere update and related environmental review process.

On February 6, 2013, a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the sphere update was prepared and released for the 45-day public review period. Notice of Availability of the DEIR has been forwarded to Placer LAFCo. On March 21, Nevada LAFCo will hold a public meeting to accept comments on the adequacy of the DEIR. Following the close of the public review period, LAFCo will prepare responses to all received comments, and a Final EIR will be prepared. Nevada LAFCo expects to be able to take final action on the environmental review and the sphere update at its May meeting.

As we move forward through the environmental review, we again wish to encourage Placer LAFCo to participate in the process at whatever level your Commission feels appropriate, and invite your comments and recommendations on the environmental document and the sphere update project itself.

Sincerely,

SR Jones, Executive Officer

Nevada LAFCo

cc: Hank Weston, Chair, Nevada LAFCo LAFCo Commissioners

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Kate Duroux Assistant Clerk November 23, 2011

Ron Treabass, Chair Placer LAFCo 145 Fulweiler Ave. Suite 110 Auburn, CA 95603

RE: Truckee Donner PUD Sphere of Influence Update

Dear Mr. Treabass,

Thank you for meeting recently with me and the Commission's Executive Officer and Legal Counsel to discuss Nevada LAFCo's process for updating the sphere of influence for the Truckee Donner Public Utility District, which provides water and electrical power to portions of Nevada and Placer counties. As we explained, Nevada LAFCo is committed to ensuring that Placer LAFCo has ample opportunity to participate in the update process.

We have provided your staff copies of the Preliminary TDPUD Sphere of Influence Update (which contains our consultant's recommendation for the sphere update) as well as the District's "Preferred Sphere Update" document, dated June 14, 2011.

Before our Commission can take action on the sphere update, of course, an environmental document will have to be prepared. Nevada LAFCo would welcome the involvement of Placer LAFCo in the CEQA proces.

We look forward to involving Placer LAFCo in the update process at whatever level your Commission prefers. I would be happy to meet with you and your staff as we move forward to assure that Placer LAFCo's interests are accommodated in this update.

Sincerely,

Hank Weston Chairman

cc: Kristina Berry, Placer LAFCo
Tom Miller, Placer County
Michael Holley, Truckee Donner Public Utility District

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RE: Truckee Donner Public Utility District

Sphere of Influence Update (REVISED LETTER)

Dear Ms. Jones:

We have had the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Preliminary Sphere of Influence Plan Update, and the information provided by TDPUD in their "Request for Sphere of Influence Update."

Placer LAFCO concurs with the proposed sphere boundaries as shown in the Preliminary Sphere of Influence Plan Update, and specifically with discussions regarding services provided by the Placer County Water Agency. We concur with the report that there is no present or probable need for the District's water services in Placer County outside the District's boundaries, and therefore there is no need to include areas of Placer County not currently served by the District in their Sphere boundaries, with the exception of the area discussed below.

Placer LAFCO also concurs with the report in discussions with the potential need for annexation of several parcels into the district for water and/or electricity. Recent research has revealed that there are several parcels (in Placer County, shown as Exhibit B, C and D of the TDPUD Figure V) that have historically been provided power and/or water by the district that are not within the district. We anticipate working with Nevada LAFCo in the future to correct these errors.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this report. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact me at (530) 889-4097.

Sincerely,

Kristina Berry, AICP Executive Officer Placer LAFCO

Cc: Brian Martin, PCWA



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July 13, 2011

S.R. Jones, Executive Officer Nevada County LAFCO 950 Maida Avenue Nevada City, CA 95959

RE: Truckee Donner Public Utility District - Sphere of Influence Update

Dear Ms. Jones,

Placer County is providing comments to the Nevada County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) proposed update of the Sphere of Influence of the Truckee Donner Public Utility District (PUD).

Our review considered the Preliminary Draft Sphere of Influence Plan Update for the Truckee Donner Public Utility District dated May 10, 2011 (Draft SOI Plan), and the Truckee Donner Public Utility District's preferred sphere of influence request dated June 15, 2011 (PUD request).

In summary, the services affected by the proposed update are provided by Northstar Community Services District and Placer County Water Agency (PCWA). While there are no specific other services provided directly by the County being addressed, we would agree with and support the recommendations of the Draft SOI Plan that would modify the sphere of influence to eliminate planned PUD water and electricity services outside of the current district boundary. The Draft SOI Plan concludes development is anticipated to be infill projects in the coming years with no reasonable potential for expansion to the territory in the short term. We do not support the PUD request as that would result in unnecessary duplication of services and suggests a more aggressive new growth potential that is not expected in these economic times.

Please do not hesitate to me or Allison Carlos at 889-4030 if you have questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,

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Thomas M. Miller,

Placer County Executive Officer

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March 7, 2013

Nevada County LAFCO SR Jones, Executive Officer Via email

RE: Truckee Donner Public Utility District Sphere of Influence Plan Update

The Northstar Community Services District (NCSD) has the following comments on the Sphere of Influence Update for the Truckee Donner Public Utility District (TDPUD) Draft EIR dated February, 2013.

The NCSD supports the Nevada County LAFCO's proposal to eliminate the TDPUD's water sphere of influence in the Martis Valley area of Placer County currently being served by the Placer County Water Agency (PCWA). The NCSD also objects to the TDPUD preferred water sphere of influence in this area of Placer County as it results in an unnecessary duplication of services. Furthermore, the NCSD contracts with PCWA to operate this system and the agencies have constructed a physical intertie between the PCWA and NCSD systems eliminating any need for TDPUD service in this area.

The NCSD would support the TDPUD's request to include in their water sphere of influence the areas to the west of Highway 89 and south of Donner Lake as well as those areas in unincorporated Placer County that are currently receiving water.

Sincerely,

Mike Staudenmayer General Manager

Cc:

Kristina Berry, Placer County LAFCO Brian Martin, PCWA Michael Holley, TDPUD



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August 30, 2011

Nevada County LAFCO SR Jones, Executive Officer

RE: Truckee Donner Public Utility District Sphere of Influence Plan Update - Electric Service

The Northstar Community Services District (NCSD) has had the opportunity to learn more about the issue of electric service in the region and has the following comments on the Public Review Draft of the Sphere of Influence Plan Update for the Truckee Donner Public Utility District (TDPUD) Dated May 10, 2011 and the "Request for Sphere of Influence Update" dated June 14, 2011 provided by the TDPUD.

The NCSD supports the TDPUD's proposal to expand the electric sphere of influence in the Northstar area of Placer County currently being served by Liberty Energy. The District believes that including the Northstar area within the TDPUD's electric SOI is appropriate and will help ensure that our constituents are presented with options in the locally dynamic business of electric service. Affording a local Public Owned Utility the opportunity to be a viable option for providing electric service to the Northstar area is essential to a healthy marketplace with stable, competitive rates and local control. Since the NCSD does not provide electric service within its boundaries, there is no incompatibility between TDPUD's proposal and the NCSD's public services.

The Nevada LAFCO's proposal to reduce the TDPUD's electric SOI to the Town of Truckee's boundary provides no benefits to the region and has the potential to destabilize the future electric service to our constituents. The NCSD objects to this proposal and urges the Commission to reconsider the electric SOI for the TDPUD.

Sincerely,

Mike Staudenmayer General Manager

Cc: Kristina Berry, Placer County LAFCO

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July 20, 2011

Nevada County LAFCO SR Jones, Executive Officer

RE: Truckee Donner Public Utility District Sphere of Influence Plan Update

The Northstar Community Services District (NCSD) has the following comments on the Public Review Draft of the Sphere of Influence Plan Update for the Truckee Donner Public Utility District (TDPUD) Dated May 10, 2011 and the "Request for Sphere of Influence Update" dated June 14, 2011 provided by the TDPUD.

The NCSD supports the Nevada County LAFCO's proposal to eliminate the TDPUD's water sphere of influence in the Martis Valley area of Placer County currently being served by the Placer County Water Agency (PCWA). The NCSD also objects to the TDPUD's preferred water sphere of influence in this area of Placer County as it results in an unnecessary duplication of services. Furthermore, the NCSD contracts with PCWA to operate this system and the agencies have constructed a physical intertie between the PCWA and NCSD systems eliminating any need for TDPUD service in this area.

The NCSD would support the TDPUD's request to include in their water sphere of influence the area to the west of Highway 89 and south of Donner Lake as this region is not physically adjacent to the PCWA system or any other water purveyor other than the TDPUD.

Sincerely,

Mike Staudenmayer General Manager

Cc: Kristina Berry, Placer County LAFCO

Brian Martin, PCWA Michael Holley, TDPUD Tom Miller, Placer County

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northstar property owners association

September 8, 2011

Nevada County LAFCO SR Jones, Executive Director

Dear SR Jones,

The Northstar Property Owners Association (NPOA) which consists of 1,480 properties has recently been informed about the issue of electric service in the region and the Public Review Draft of the Sphere of Influence Plan Update for the Truckee Donner Public Utility District (TDPUD) dated May 10, 2011 and the "Request for Sphere of Influence Update" dated June 14, 2011 provided by the TDPUD.

NPOA agrees with the comments previously submitted by the Northstar Community Service District, dated August 30, 2011. The inclusion of the Northstar area in the SOI is not only appropriate it will definitely ensure our membership the opportunity to be represented locally with the best option for electric rates.

The Nevada LAFCO's proposal to reduce the TDPUD's electric SOI to the Town of Truckee's boundary provides no benefits to our community and has the potential to negatively affect the electric service to our membership. NPOA urges the Commission to reconsider the electric SOI for the TDPUD.

At the Direction of the Board of Directors,

Geoff Sullivan Stephens

General Manager

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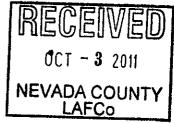
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SUBJECT:

Truckee Donner Public Utility District (TDPUD) Sphere of Influence Plan

Update - Electric Service

The Placer County Water Agency has received additional information concerning the TDPUD Electric Sphere of Influence Plan Update. Specifically, PCWA staff has met with TDPUD staff and TDPUD staff has made a presentation to the PCWA Board of Directors on the Draft Sphere of Influence Plan Update for the Truckee Donner Public Utility District dated May 10, 2011, and the "Request for Sphere of Influence Update" dated June 14, 2011, provided by TDPUD.

Based on the above, PCWA supports the TDPUD's proposal to expand the Electric Sphere of Influence in the Northstar area of Placer County that is currently being served by Liberty Energy, which is an investor-owned utility which recently purchased this system from Sierra Pacific.

The TDPUD Electric Sphere of Influence Plan proposed allows a local public-owned utility the opportunity to be a viable option for providing electric service to the Northstar area, as well as the existing PCWA Martis Valley Water Service area. Allowing a locally owned public utility the opportunity to provide electric service to this area is good for a healthy marketplace with stable, competitive rates and local control.

The PCWA believes the Nevada County's LAFCo's proposal to reduce the TDPUC's electric SOI to the Town of Truckee's boundary provides no benefits to the region and has the potential to destabilize the future electric service to the constituents. PCWA objects to this proposal and urges the Commission to reconsider the electric SOI for the TDPUD.

Sincerely,

PLAGER COUNTY WATER AGENCY

Lowell M. Jarvis

Chairman, Board of Directors

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TDPUD Sphere of Influence Plan Update – Electric Service Page two September 30, 2011

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SUBJECT:

Truckee Donner Public Utility District Sphere of Influence Update

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Dear Ms. Jones:

The Placer County Water Agency submitted a letter dated June 29, 2011 to the Nevada County LAFCO concerning the Truckee Donner Public Utility District Sphere of Influence Update. After we submitted our letter we have received additional information concerning this matter. Based upon this recent information, PCWA requests that the comments provided to Nevada County LAFCO by PCWA with respect to the Truckee Donner PUD Preferred Sphere of Influence be held in abeyance and that the comment period be extended until further research into this issue and consultation with interested and involved parties be completed. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in delaying this matter.

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Sincerely,

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June 29, 2011

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SUBJECT:

Truckee Donner Public Utility District

Sphere of Influence Plan Update

Dear Ms. Jones:

The Placer County Water Agency has reviewed the Preliminary DRAFT Sphere of Influence Plan Update for the Truckee Donner Public Utility District (TDPUD) dated May 10, 2011, and the information provided by the TDPUD titled "Request for Sphere of Influence Update" dated June 14, 2011. Based on the review, we have the following comments:

We concur that the Placer County Water Agency provides water to the areas that are within the TDPUD's current Sphere of Influence for water within Placer County, and that there is no present or probable need for the TDPUD's water services within Placer County.

PCWA strongly objects to Truckee Donner PUD's preferred Sphere of Influence for water as an unnecessary potential duplication of services within Placer County, and fully supports Nevada County LAFCO's proposal to eliminate the portion of TDPUD's Sphere of Influence for water that encroaches into Placer County.

On Table 1, District Timeline on page 15 of the Preliminary Draft Sphere, the following should be added to the timeline:

2009 PCWA terminated contract with TDPUD to operate Lahanton Water System (known as PCWA Zone 4 Martis Valley Water System).

On page 26 under 4.1.2 – Service Area, Determination 2 the report should be corrected to note that PCWA's Zone 4 Water System, which consists of the Lahanton Development, the Hopkins Village

Development, the Martis Camp Development, and the Timilick Development (now known as Schaffer's Mill Development) is operated under contract by the Northstar Community Services District (District). In addition, PCWA and Northstar CSD have constructed a physical intertie between the PCWA and Northstar systems.

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